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Genoua, Jan. 21.

HEre is arrived the *Assistance*, Sir *Robert Robinson* Commander, in twelve days from *Majorca* (whither he Convoyed three small English Vessels) in his company came the *Sarah* from *Ireland*, the *Merchants Adventure* from *London*, and the *Henrietta*; as also three French Ships bound for *Marseilles*; they give us an account, that on the first Instant they met, off of *Majorca*, two English Frigats and a Fireship who the day before had taken the *Golden Lyon* of *Argiers*, of 24 Guns and 200 Men, the Algerines were four in company, but the other three it seems escaped. Here is arrived from *Legborne* the *Anne*, the *Palestine*, and the *Dublin Pink*, who intend to go hence under the Convoy of Sir *Robert Robinson*.

Brussels, Feb. 6. Every day brings us fresh accounts of the great Damages caused by the late Floods. The breach in the Dyke upon the *Schelde*, between *Wilbrooke* and Fort *Margaret* is so great, that they know not which way to set about the repairing of it; the Current not being stronger in the River than in the Breach, which is about 30 yards wide, and enlarges daily. The Counts of *Uriel*, *Rupplemond*, *Groesbeck*, *Bornhem*, the Marquis *Wargny*, and Duke of *Bournonville*, have all their Estates in those parts under Water. It is much feared that the Dyke between the great and little *Willbrooke* upon the *Canal* will break; to prevent which, many hands are at work. The Prince of *Parma* has sent several Enginiers with a good sum of Money to *Ostend*, to repair the Fortifications there. We have an account from thence of the arrival of 200 Irish Recruits. From *Liege* they write, that the French in pursuance of a Decree of the Chamber of *Metz*, are going to posse's themselves of the Abby and Principality of *Stavelo*, lying between *Luxemburg* and *Limburg* and containing about 300 Villages.

Brussels, Feb. 10. Here is much discourse of a suddain change in this Government, some speak of the Duke of *Lorrain*, some of the Duke of *Neuburg*, and others of the Queen Mother of *Spain*, and that the Marquis *de Grana* is to have the chief Administration of Affairs under her, with the Title of Governor of Arms: what Truth there is in any of these Reports, time must inform us. Our last Spanish Letters gave us an Account, that the great preparations were making for the defence of *Fonterabia*, and that Don *Gabriel de Carilla* was sent to Command there, upon the Advice they had received at *Madrid*, that the French Troops on that side did Increase daily. The Prince *de Barbançon*, Governor of *Namur*, is come hither to give his Highness an Account of the condition of that Garrison. From *Lille* we are told, that Monsieur *de Sourdis*, with most of the Officers of the *Gens d' Arms* have leave to return to *Paris*, and that the Mareschal *d' Humieres* intended to go thither himself about *Mid-Lent*.

Rotterdam, Feb 13. It is generally said, that the damages sustained by the late Floods, amount to many Millions; and that near 20000 persons have been drowned. It is doubted whether the Island of *Tertolen* will ever be recovered, for the charge of the work will much exceed the advantage of it.

Hague, Feb. 13. The sad accounts we receive every day of the Losses sustained by the late Inundations, and of the lamentable condition of those that remain alive (for it is almost incredible what numbers are said to be drowned) in the Countreys that have fallen under this calamity, cannot be contained in a Letter; it will suffice to tell you in geral, that the Damages are beyond a computation, and the misery of the poor Countrey People inexpressible. The care at present is to repair the Dykes, and to recover the Lands that are under Water, a Matter which the States have now before them, in order to the giving it all the Assistance and furtherance they can. The States of *Holland* met again the 11th Instant, and his Highness the Prince of *Orange* came to Town the day before. The Pensioner *Fagel* is very ill. The Heer *Van Odyke* is gone for *Zealand*.

Hague, Feb. 13. The Letters we receive from *France* inform us, That the Heer *Van Starenberg*, Ambassador of this State at *Paris*, had received an Answer to the Memorial he Presented, to this effect; *That his most Christian Majesties intentions are, Religiously to observe the Peace of* Nimeguen, *but that the Crown of* Spain *refusing to yield to him* Alost, *and other places in* Flanders *belonging to him, in pursuance of the said Peace of* Nimeguen, *he had caused his Troops to block up the City of* Luxemburg, *thereby to induce the Spaniards to give him satisfaction, which when they shall have done, either by yielding to his Majesty the said Places, or by giving him an Equivalent, his Majesty will remove his Troops from before* Luxemburg.

Paris, Feb. 14. The 9th Instant the Deputies of the Clergy waited upon the King in a Body at *St. Germains*, the Archbishop of *Paris*, their President, spoke for them, and returned the King their Thanks for his Zeal and Care of the Church; and then presented to His Majesty an Act, containing the consent of the Assembly to the Extension of the Regale, pursuant to the Kings late Declartions, and at the same time put into his Majesties hands a Copy of the said Act; as also a Coppy of the Edict concerning the usage of the Regale; and a Letter written on this Subject by the Assembly to the Pope, which they prayed his Majesty would cause his Ambassador at *Rome*, to present to the Pope. The 10th Instant the *Morocco* Ambassador that is here, had his Audience of Leave in order to his return home. The Blockade of *Luxemburg* does not only continue, but we are informed, that the French Troops have built several Redoubts, the more to streighten it.

Whitehal, Feb. 7. This day the following Declaration of the Grand Jury for the City and County of *Exon*, was Presented to His Majesty, who was pleased to express His Gracious Acceptance thereof, and the satisfaction His Majesty has in these repeated Testimonies of the Loyal Affection of that City.

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